

Dugway Proving Ground RAB Action Items October 27, 2003



Introductions and Welcome

Joe Gearo welcomed new attendees and committee members to the meeting. He then introduced COL Gary Harter to members of the RAB and attendees.

Old Business/New Business

Joe reviewed and approved the action items from May 12. There were no reports given by any of the subcommittees. None of them met between meetings.

Scott Reed then proceeded to highlight environmental remediation successes accomplished during 2003. Some of these include the following:

- ◆ Closed SWMU: 10, 16, 172
- ◆ Closed HWMU: 2, 7, 33, 59, 99
- ◆ HWMU 47: reuse of non-hazardous biosolids from a former sewer lagoon on the proving ground. Instead of paying hefty fees to dispose of the biosolids offsite, DPG and UDEQ-DSHW have agreed that the byproducts will be processed into an environmentally safe fertilizer spread during work to restore native grasses and shrubbery to the once-contaminated areas. This innovative approach is expected to save up to \$4.5 million in funds than can now be used for cleanup elsewhere on the proving ground.
- ◆ DPG has established a uniform approach for performing risk assessments and improving data-gathering reliability of groundwater quality.
- ◆ DPG has secured agreement with UDEQ-DSHQ to employ a regional groundwater monitoring concept that, when put into practice, will allow for fewer and improved water sample gathering and analysis. This includes pilot study to change to passive diffusion bag samplers. The nearly one-half million dollar savings can be used for other needs on the base.
- ◆ HWMU 42: Both solid and hazardous waste will be stored in a secure landfill on base, rather than hauled off site at an enormous cost to taxpayers. This move is expected to save nearly \$1 million of taxpayer money.

Discussion about Converting RAB to TRC/RAB

Joe Gearo led a panel discussion as to whether the RAB should convert to a TRC/RAB. This conversion is spurred by low public attendance at recent meetings, reduction in RAB membership and a potential change to the TRC/RAB format, which provides for more technical review of SWMU and HWMU cleanups and less discussion of public issues.

After a brief discussion, it was decided by the panel that now is not the time to make this decision and that the RAB will make more of an effort to publicize the RAB and increase public attendance and member enrollment. After these efforts are made, the RAB will discuss the results and make a determination to keep the RAB or convert it to the TRC/RAB at that time.

Installation Restoration Program Current Work Status & Updates

RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Sites – Ed Staes gave a presentation on the status of RFI sites.

Consent Order Sites – Nels Johnson gave a presentation on the status of Consent Order sites.

Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the RAB and should occur before the next meeting.

- ✓ Membership and outreach committees to meet to find ways to be more proactive in promoting community participation for the RAB (new members and greater public attendance).
- ✓ Jeff will make mention of need for new RAB members in newsletter.
- ✓ Harry will add RAB membership and public participation needs to next LAPC meeting agenda.
- ✓ Jeff and Paula will work on a news release that highlights the 2003 environmental successes; Paula will pitch news release to local media

Set Topics, Agenda for Next Meeting

The next Dugway Proving Ground RAB meeting will be held in April 2004 in Tooele.